* The Pony Express was founded by William H. Russell, William B. Waddell, and Alexander Majors.
* The Pony Express was first made up because of the Civil War and the need for faster communication with the West.
* It consisted of groups of young men riding horses carrying sacks of mail across a 2000-mile trail.
* The Pony Express officially got started on April 3, 1860, when riders left from St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.
* The first trip was made in 9 days and 23 hours and the second trip was made in 11 days and 12 hours.
* The pony riders covered 250 miles in a 24-hour day.
* The Pony Express had more than 100 stations, 80 riders, and around 500 horses.
* The service lasted only 19 months until October 24, 1861, when the completion of the Pacific Telegraph line ended the need for its existence.
* California relied on news from the Pony Express during the early days of the Civil War, but the horse line was never a financial success, leading the Pony Express founders to bankruptcy.
* However, the romantic drama surrounding the Pony Express has made it a part of the legend of the American West.
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